

MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRTY-SECOND DAY

Friday, 15th April 1960

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Collection of Outstanding Revenue.

*Q.—89. Sri A. M. BASAVE GOWDA (Chickmagalur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the total amount of Revenue under various heads due to the Government as on 2nd February 1960 ;

(b) the steps they have taken to collect the arrears ?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—

(a)—

	Rs.
State Excise Revenue. ...	73,74,274
Sales Tax Arrears under Mysore Sales Tax Act, 1957 ...	1,31,52,724
Arrears of Sales Tax under Central Sales Tax Act. ...	10,61,684
Arrears of Entertainment Tax under M.E.T. Act, 1958. ...	4,67,680
Arrears under Sugar-cane Cess Act. ...	9,07,870

Rs.

Arrears under Mysore State Motor Spirit Taxation Act, 1957. ... 59,448

Arrears under Mysore Agricultural Income-Tax Act, 1957. ... 12,78,733

Forest Revenue ... 1,13,92,051

Information regarding arrears under Land Revenue is being collected. The figures are not, therefore, readily available.

(b) The arrears include the following items :—

1. Amounts not yet due during the quarter.
2. Amounts held up in appeals and stay orders.
3. Amounts covered by penalty notices.
4. Amounts involved in civil suits and insolvency cases.
5. Amounts due from Government Departments.

Action is also being taken to collect the outstandings expeditiously by taking all possible action in the matter.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಎಂ. ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ.—ಇಷ್ಟು ಕಾಲ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೂ, ರ್ಯಾಂಡ್‌ರವೆನ್ಯೂನಲ್ಲರುವ ಬಾಕಿಗಳನ್ನು ಏಕೆ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ ?

† Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN (Deputy Minister for Finance).—There are several reasons for the arrears.

† Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಎಂ. ಬಸವೇಗೌಡ.—ಸೇಲ್ಸ್ ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಕಿ ಇರುವುದು 1,31,52,724 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳೆಂದು ಹೇಳಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಬಾಕಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಏನೇನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The reasons are, that some are pending in appeals and sometimes payments are not collected in time and so on.

Sri A. M. BASAVE GOWDA.—What are the various reasons for not collecting these arrears ?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—There are several reasons as I said already. In some cases, the time prescribed for payment is not over; sometimes they would be pending in appeals.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is Government aware that the aggregate of this would amount to 4 crores and is there any administrative machinery functioning in the several departments ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—They are functioning effectively. You can take it from me that the whole machine is geared up.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, every time we have been asking for the D.C.B. to be given to us. But it is not done. Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a statement showing the several stages of recovery of this exorbitant arrears ? This does not bring credit to the Government.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Sir, we are taking steps in all directions. Wherever possible, we have received certificates. Some are pending in appeals and there are stay orders in some cases. Therefore, it is difficult to recover in such cases.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I want a statement showing the several stages of the arrears. For instance, the Entertainment Tax. There is no reason why there should be an arrears in this case. You should not allow entertainment unless the taxes are paid and I do not know why 4 lakhs should be due under Entertainment Tax.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Sir, arrears outstanding under several items are as follows :—

- | | Rs. nP. |
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| 1. Arrears outstanding 1,31,52,723-94 under M.S.T. Act | |
| 57 as on 2nd February 1960, | |

Action taken

Rs. nP.

1. Amount not yet due 17,07,663 08
2. Amount held up in 26,40,164 80 appeals and Stay Orders.
3. Amount covered by 38,01,679 10 R.R. Act.

They have received certificates and the Revenue Officers have to recover.

4. Amount covered by 13,87,564 02 penalty Notices.
5. Amount since collected. 4,74,285 50
6. Amount covered by 6,51,679 88 prosecution.
7. Amount involved 47,547 98 in Civil Suits and insolvency cases.
8. Amount due by Co-operative Societies and Government Departments. 3,77,321 22
9. Amount due by 1,17,248 41 contractors.
10. Amount reduced 28,926 32 due to exemption.
11. Amount to be 2,58,280 93 written off.
12. Amount due by 48,456 62 fuel and mutton dealers.
13. Amount due by 3,26,310 93 powerloom dealers.

For this some correspondence is going on.

14. Amount due by 5,15,636 91 Cement Marketing Company.

This is also under correspondence.

15. Amount for which 7,66,514 17 action has to be taken.
16. Amount involved 3,444 07 in embezzlement.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—This statement does not give an indication to the period to which it is due. Unless all these details are given, it is not possible to put supplementaries.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—If you want to know the period for which the amount is pending, I am prepared to give.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know whether it is possible for the Govern-

ment to note the names of all districts where the heavy outstanding is pending?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—I want notice.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the revenue arrears under various heads are outstanding in Hyderabad area since 10 to 12 years?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Sir, arrears in Hyderabad area is also there. It is difficult for me at this stage to give figures distinctly.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—May I know which of the five reasons mentioned apply to Forest Revenue of Rs. 1,13,92,000?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—I want notice for that.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know whether it would be possible for the Government to issue a statement giving all these details?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—I just now read out: 'Amounts held up in appeals and stay orders: Rs. 26 lakhs; amounts covered by penalty notice'—I read out now.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—In what part of the State or in what district the arrears of agricultural income-tax to the tune of Rs. 12,78,733 are due and since how long?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Even for that I want notice. In fact, our recoveries are very good. Out of Rs. 1,03,00,000 roughly, we have to recover only about Rs. 12 lakhs. Some of them are in appeal. Therefore, you can see that we have taken steps in all these things.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—In view of the large amount of revenue standing in arrears, does it not amount to inefficiency of the tax collecting officers?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—We have been exerting our utmost to collect taxes and you can take it from me that when compared to previous arrears, our collections are very good. You must know that every year arrears accumulate and we collect. Take the sales tax. Roughly, it is Rs. 6 crores and odd. It is not a small amount. There are various old arrears of several units also.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಕೆ. ಬೊಮ್ಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಈಗ ಯಾರು ಯಾರಿಂದ ಈ 73,74,274 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಬಾಕಿ ನಿಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆಯೋ ಅಂಥವರಿಗೆ ಆಗಲೇ ಅಥವಾ ಅವರ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಕರಾಗಲೇ ಅಣ್ಣ, ತಮ್ಮ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಪುನಃ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟ್ ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಮುರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಬಾಕಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟ್ ಕೊಡಕೂಡದೆಂದು ರೂಲ್ಡೇ ಇದೆ. ಈ ಬಾಕಿಗಳೆಲ್ಲ ಹೈದ್ರಾಬಾದಿನಲ್ಲೇ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ನಿಂತಿರುವುದು. ಕೆಲವು ರೈಟಾಫ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳೂ ಇರಬಹುದು. ಅಲ್ಟಿಮೇಟಮ್ ಆಕ್ಟ್ ಅದ ಮೇಲೆ ಈ ಬಾಕಿ ನಿಲ್ಲುವುದು ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಸ್. ಬೊಮ್ಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಹಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಆ ಬಾಕಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬಡಮಾಡಲು ಹೇಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಮುರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ರೂಲ್ಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡಬಾರದೆಂದೇ ಇದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಬಾಕಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಸೂಲಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕೆಲವು ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನಾ ಗೆರೆ ಹೇಳಿದಂತೆ ಫೋಲೇಸ್ ಆಕ್ಟ್ ಆದಂತಹ ಬಾಕಿ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಬೀಳಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗಿದೆ. Therefore, we are taking time. We have asked the Collectors to definitely verify before we could write it off.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—How much of excise revenue is in arrears from Hyderabad?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—I will give the details.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಫ್. ಜಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹೇಗೌಡ.—ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಡಿಲ್ವೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟೆಷ್ಟು ಬಾಕಿ ಇದೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಮುರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ. ಆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ತರಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಹಳೆಯ ಬಾಕಿ ವಿಚಾರ ಹಾಗಿರಲಿ. ಈಗ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಬಾಕಿ ಬಿದ್ದಿರುವ ಮೊಬಲಗಿಷ್ಟು! ಇದೂ ಕೂಡ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಮುರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಒಂದೊಂದು ಸಾರಿ ಅಲ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಬಂದಾಗ ನಾವು ತಕಾವಿ ಸಾಲ, ಕಂದಾಯದ ಹಣವನ್ನೇ ಸಸ್‌ಪೆಂಡ್ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬಂದಿರುವಾಗ ಇನ್ನು ಈ ಸಾಲದ ವಸೂಲಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ವೆಲ್ಲವು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಿ. ಮಲ್ಲಾರಾಧ್ಯ.—ಈ 73,74,274 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೈದ್ರಾಬಾದ್‌ಗೆ ಸೇರಿರುವ ಬಾಕಿ ಎಷ್ಟು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಮುರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕೊಡಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಇ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—ಬಾಕಿ ವಸೂಲಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ನಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಮುರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಒಬ್ಬ ಸ್ಪೆಷಲ್ ಆಫೀಸರನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—It is nearly 10 crores of arrears. What is the amount disputed by the parties and is it not desirable to give instructions to the appellate authorities asking the parties to deposit the amount, pending the disposal of the appeals?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—We cannot interfere. They are all judicial institutions. It will be very difficult for us to issue instructions. Only we can draw their attention to the long delay in the disposal of cases either through our counsel or officers.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that in the other States these disputed amounts are to be deposited before the appeals are disposed of?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—There is provision for deposit. I don't exactly remember the provision. It is difficult to insist on depositing unless it is also backed up by law.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Is it difficult for the Government to give the amount of arrears on account of land revenue in the State?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—It is difficult, but if a separate question is put, we will positively answer.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Which are the factories from which the sugarcane cess fund of Rs. 9 lakhs is remaining in arrears?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Mostly from the Hospet Sugar Factory.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎ. ಮೂಡಲಗಿರಿಗೌಡ.—ಅರಣ್ಯ ಖಾತೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಷ್ಟು ಬಾಕಿ ನಿಲ್ಲಲು ಕಾರಣವೇನು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಮರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ನಾವು ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಸ್ಲೀಪರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಯಿ ಮಾಡಿ ದ್ದೇವೆ. ಆ ಹಣವನ್ನೂ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಡೀಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತರಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—With regard to the total demand under all these heads-arrears, how much percentage does it represent?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—It is a question of simple arithmetic. I am not a calculating machine. If time is given I will positively answer. I will furnish that answer provided a question is put.

Sri A. M. BASAVE GOWDA.—This question may be held over.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎ. ಮೂಡಲಗಿರಿಗೌಡ.—ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ಲೀಪರ್‌ಗಳ ಸರಬರಾಯಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ಯಾವಾಗ? ಇಷ್ಟು ನಿಧಾನವಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣ ವೇನು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಮರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ತಾವು ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಆ ಎವರಗಳನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ತರಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. I do not want to hazard an answer

unless I am very definite with regard to all the details.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎ. ಮೂಡಲಗಿರಿಗೌಡ.—ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಆಕೌಂಟ್ಸ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಡಿಟ್ ಮಾಡಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದರಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷವೇನಾವರೂ ಇದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಮರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಬೇಕು.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, since the reply of the Government is very vague, I request the Chair to hold over this question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What is the use of holding over the question now? It will take time for the Minister to get the information and by that time we will have adjourned.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—The budget figures are there. For instance, under the entertainment tax, our demand is over Rs. 90 lakhs and only Rs. 4 lakhs are in arrears.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈಗ ಏನು ಸಪ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟರಿ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದೀರೋ ಅವನ್ನು ಗಮನದಲ್ಲಿಟ್ಟು ಕೊಂಡು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನಾವರೂ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ನನ್ನ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದರೆ ನಾನು ಅದನ್ನು ತಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, you seem to absolve the Government from all responsibility. This is a matter which involves recovery of arrears amounting to over Rs. 4 crores. Is not the House entitled to get the details?

Mr. SPEAKER.—What am I to do?

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—You put the Government on the business.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We are adjourning on the 18th. So what is the use of holding over the question now?

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—This question was tabled about 2 months ago.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—They wanted to know only the arrears.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—This is a very flimsy excuse.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Let us find out a way. Taking into consideration the supplementaries that are put, the Government will place the information on the Table and that will be made available to members in course of time.